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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rogelio CISNEROS

- 1. Subject was called at his Niami home on 7 May 1965, by the undersigned using the alias Albert Antonelli. CISNEROS had attempted to contact his former case officer, Alfonso Rodriguez, the day before, but failed.
- 2. Briefly, for the readers not familiar with his name, Rogelio CISNEROS was a former leader in the Junta Revolucionaria (JURE), organized and directed by Manuel RAY Rivero. In September 1964, in difference to RAY's leadership and organizational qualities, CISNEROS resigned from the JURE.
- 3. In an effort to keep him out of our hair as he's been on YUBARK's payroll since 1960, we proposed that he prepare a study on the Cuban secondary education systembefore and after Fidel Castro. All arrangement for payment were made through a third party. He was paid a sum of \$1200 for eight-typewritten pages double spaced, a project any non-Cuban could have written in less time and expense.
- 4. In November 1964 CISNEROS asked for an additional \$650 for the study so that he could enroll at the University of Michigan's intensive English language course. He was denied the additional sum, but went to the University anway. He began the course in January 1965.
- 5. CISNEROS has now completed the course and has returned to his home and family in Miami. He feels that with this new ability to speak and understand English, he is better equipped to continue the anti-Castro effort.

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- 6. CISNEROS stated that while at the University he became acquainted with some young Dominicans and reportedly he developed a good rapport with the men. He wondered out loud if any use could be made of the friendship in view of the activities in Santo Domingo. The undersigned listened attentively, but made no effort to educe further information on this subject.
- 7. CISNEROS, as a recent "graduate", is interested in a job and implied that he would like to work for KUBARK. The undersigned indicated to him that jobs were scarce, but that his interest in employment will be passed along to "my superiors". The undersigned closed the conversation by promising that he would call during the week of 10 May and convey any message received from "upstairs".
- 8. RECOMMENDATION: Unless the readers feel there may be some value to CISNEROS' Dominican contacts, this writer opines that we should not get involved with CISNEROS again, and that he should be told there is no work available for him at the present, but should something open-up in the future we will certainly keep him in mind. Reason: After his resignation in September 1964 CISNEROS wanted Al Burt, Miami Herald reporter, to do a news story on RAY pointing up the following facts:
  - a. That RAY was a tool of the U.S. State
    Department and received \$25,000 per month from the
    U.S. Government. (CISNEROS reportedly said that he
    could doucment all facets of RAY's funding.)
  - b. That RAY knows his failure to infiltrate Cuba embarrassed his State Department friends, but State will continue to back him as their betrayed revolution thesis can be tied only to RAY's star and as this theme has been sold to the United States Government at policy levels, despite the objection of KUBARK, State has no alternative but to back RAY.

CISNEROS did not go through with this plan, but he will always use this as a peg to blackmail. We have no obligation to place CISNEROS on the KUBARK payrolls, either directly or indirectly. He is undoubtedly witting of KUBARK's financial role in RAY's aborted attempts to infiltrate Cuba, but payments to RAY are untraceable. It is doubtfuly that an

expose on the RUPARK/RAY relationship would enlighten anyone, as many reporters have speculated that RAY was being assisted by KUBARK or someother agency of the United States Government.

- 9. Should it be warranted, this writer is willing to debrief CISNEROS further on his Dominican friends.
  - 10. Your comments are requested.

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